



Birmingham City University Sports Facility

Project overview

Birmingham City University's new sports facility at Perry Barr is a state-of-the-art £7m development designed to offer a wide range of sports facilities for students and staff at the university, plus members of the local community.

Whitehead was appointed to supply and install the mechanical and electrical services at the site, which features an 80-station fitness suite, sports hall, dance studios and changing facilities. Services installed by Whitehead include: heating; ventilation; comfort cooling; public health services; BMS control; CCTV; security systems; mains distribution; lighting; power; fire alarms; and data systems.

Challenges

Whitehead was appointed relatively late on in the construction process of a building which is very much architecturally driven, reducing both design and installation lead times. The project presented additional challenges in terms of limited service voids in the high ceilings, as specified in the original design.

Solutions

From its first day on the design stage of the project, Whitehead adopted a proactive approach to ensure extensive co-ordination of all services, via its project team. This forward-thinking working style created a well-informed, well-integrated site team which saw all allied trades working together to not only complete the job to the highest standard, but to do so six weeks early.

Project title

- » City North Sports Facility – Perry Barr

Project Manager

- » Simon Drinkwater

Sector

- » Leisure/Education

Location

- » Birmingham

Client name

- » ROK Nottingham

Start date

- » April 2009

Completion date

- » October 2009

Value

- » £1,800,000

"Whitehead Building Services completed the project six weeks ahead of schedule, with an excellent team ethos working closely with ROK's site management team."

Steve Smith –
ROK Contracts Manager